

IN THE SPECIFICATION

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

1. On page 1, after the title, "Method for the reverse transcription and/or amplification of nucleic acids," please insert the following new paragraph:

This application is a United States national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international (PCT) application No. PCT/EP2004/008363, filed July 26, 2004 and designating the US, and claiming priority to US provisional application 60/489,643, filed July 24, 2003.

2. On page 14, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 1-5 with the following amended paragraph:

alpha\_473: 5'CTC CAG CTT AAC GGT - phosphate group - 3' (SEQ ID NO. 1)  
alpha\_465: 5'TAA CGG TAT TTG GAG - phosphate group - 3' (SEQ ID NO. 2)  
alpha\_465\_long: 5' TAA CGG TAT TTG GAG GTC AGC ACG GTG CTC-  
phosphate group - 3' (SEQ ID NO. 3)

3. On page 14, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 13-16 with the following amended paragraph:

beta\_554: 5'GTA GTT GGA CTT AGG - phosphate group - 3' (SEQ ID NO. 4)  
beta\_594: 5'ATC CAG ATG CTC AAG - phosphate group - 3' (SEQ ID NO. 5)  
beta\_554\_long: 5'GTA GTT GGA CTT AGG GAA CAA AGG AAC CTT  
- phosphate group - 3' (SEQ ID NO. 6)

4. On page 14, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 24-31 with the following amended paragraph:

alpha\_473: N- CTC CAG CTT AAC GGT -C\* (SEQ ID NO. 7)  
alpha\_465: N- TAA CGG TAT TTG GAG -C\* (SEQ ID NO. 8)  
alpha\_363: N- GTC ACC AGC AGG CA -C\* (SEQ ID NO. 9)  
alpha\_393: N- GTG AAC TCG GCG -C\* (SEQ ID NO. 10)  
alpha\_473\*\*: N- TGG CAA TTC GAC CTC -C\* (SEQ ID NO. 11)  
alpha\_465\*\*: N- GAG GTT TAT GGC AAT -C\* (SEQ ID NO. 12)  
alpha\_363\*\*: N- ACG GAC GAC CAC TG -C\* (SEQ ID NO. 13)  
alpha\_393\*\*: N- GCG GCT CAA GTG -C\* (SEQ ID NO. 14)

5. On page 15, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 6-15 with the following amended paragraph:

beta-554: N- GTA GTT GGA CTT AGG -C\* ([SEQ ID NO. 15](#))  
beta-594: N- ATC CAG ATG CTC AAG -C\* ([SEQ ID NO. 16](#))  
beta-539: N- CCC CAG TTT AGT AGT -C\* ([SEQ ID NO. 17](#))  
beta-541: N- CAG TTT AGT AGT TGG -C\* ([SEQ ID NO. 18](#))  
beta-579: N- GCC CTT CAT AAT ATC -C\* ([SEQ ID NO. 19](#))  
beta-554\*\*: N- GGA TTC AGG TTG ATG -C\* ([SEQ ID NO. 20](#))  
beta-594\*\*: N- GAA CTC GAT GAC CTA -C\* ([SEQ ID NO. 21](#))  
beta-539\*\*: N- TGA TGA TTT GAC CCC -C\* ([SEQ ID NO. 22](#))  
beta-541\*\*: N- GGT TGA TGA TTT GAC -C\* ([SEQ ID NO. 23](#))  
beta-579\*\*: N- CTA TAA TAC TTC CCG -C\* ([SEQ ID NO. 24](#))

6. On page 15, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 27-30 with the following amended paragraph:

alpha\_473: 5' CTC CAG CTT AAC GGT - octanediol - 3' ([SEQ ID NO. 25](#))  
alpha\_465: 5' TAA CGG TAT TTG GAG - octanediol - 3' ([SEQ ID NO. 26](#))  
alpha\_363: 5' GTC ACC AGC AGG CA - octanediol - 3' ([SEQ ID NO. 27](#))  
alpha\_393: 5' GTG AAC TCG GCG - octanediol - 3' ([SEQ ID NO. 28](#))

7. On page 16, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 6-10 with the following amended paragraph:

beta-554: 5' GTA GTT GGA CTT AGG - octanediol - 3' ([SEQ ID NO. 29](#))  
beta-594: 5' ATC CAG ATG CTC AAG - octanediol - 3' ([SEQ ID NO. 30](#))  
beta-539: 5' CCC CAG TTT AGT AGT - octanediol - 3' ([SEQ ID NO. 31](#))  
beta-541: 5' CAG TTT AGT AGT TGG - octanediol - 3' ([SEQ ID NO. 32](#))  
beta-579: 5' GCC CTT CAT AAT ATC - octanediol - 3' ([SEQ ID NO. 33](#))